

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations of claims 7 and 8, and claims 7 and 8 have been canceled accordingly. Claim 12 has been amended to include limitations of claims 16, 18, and 26, and claims 16, 18, and 26 have been canceled accordingly. Claim 31 is newly entered to include limitations of claims 1, 9, and 10. Claim 9 has been amended to avoid lack of antecedent basis. Claims 10, 19, 21, and 28 have been cancelled. The dependency of claims 17, 29 and 30 has been amended due to cancellation of claims 16, 27 and 28. No new matter is introduced.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claim 29 is rejected for lack of sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in the claim.

Response:

Claim 29 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 3-4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fouche (USPN 5271043) in view of the applicant's admitted Prior Art.

Response:

Claims 1 and 12

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations recited in claims 7 and 8, and claim 12 has been amended to include limitations recited in claims 16, 18, and 26. As stated in the section Allowable Subject Matter, claims 8 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the applicant believes that claims 1 and 12 have been placed in condition for allowance.

Claims 3-4

Claims 3-4 are dependent upon claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable.

- 5 Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fouche (USPN 5271043) in view of the applicant's admitted Prior Art as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Uchida (USPN 6366603).

Response:

- 10 Claims 5-6 are dependent upon claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable.

Claims 2, 7, 9, 13-19, 21, 23-25 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fouche (USPN 5271043) in view of the applicant's admitted Prior Art and further in view of Seto (US 2004/0247059).

15 **Response:**

Claims 7, 16, 18, 19, and 21 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 9 are dependent upon claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable. Claims 13-15, 17, 23-25, and 29 are dependent upon claim 12, and should be allowed if claim 12 is found allowable.

20 **Patentability of New Claim 31**

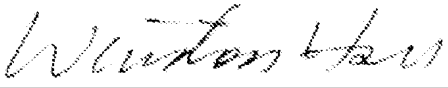
- Newly added claim 31 includes limitations of claims 1, 9, and 10. As stated in the section Allowable Subject Matter, claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the applicant believes
25 that claim 31 has been placed in condition for allowance.

As all of the pending claims 1-6, 9, 12-15, 17, 23-25, and 29-31 have been placed in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be

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Sincerely yours,

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